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FAVOR OF A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c), Applicant respectfully petitions for the withdrawal of the above-identified utility patent application from issue. The issue fee was paid on August 10, 2006. Applicant requests the withdrawal from issue in favor of the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith.

Withdrawal from issue is requested because an Office Action from a corresponding Japanese patent application, along with four cited references and a prior art reference were recently received.

An RCE and an IDS disclosing said Office Action and references are enclosed herewith. Concurrently, copies of the RCE, IDS, and Petition to Withdraw the Application from Issue are being filed with the RCE Branch at the following

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Respectfully submitted,

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- ☑ Petition to Withdraw From Issue Under 37 CFR 1.313(c)
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